



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 7 (A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dorrin D. Rolle
and Members, Community Empowerment
& Economic Revitalization Committee

DATE: May 10, 2005

FROM: Kay M. Sullivan
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

Kay Sullivan

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Community Empowerment & Economic Revitalization Committee:

April 12, 2005

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF
Meeting Minutes
Community Empowerment & Econ. Revitalization
Cmte.

Dorrin D. Rolle (2) Chair; Barbara J. Jordan (1) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Katy Sorenson (8), and Javier D. Souto (10)

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin D. Rolle, Katy Sorenson.

Members Absent: Sen. Javier D. Souto.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C**ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following members of staff were present:
Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Sr.
Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset
Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Linda Derleth*

Chairman Rolle convened the Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee and introduced himself and Commissioners Diaz, Jordan, and Sorenson.

MOTION TO SET TODAY'S AGENDA

Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Jr., stated today's final official agenda included the revisions requested on the County Manager's Change Sheet. He indicated there were two additional add-on items: 2B and 2C. Mr. Crapp noted supporting documents for Agenda Item 8A were distributed to the Committee members before today's meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the Committee approve today's agenda with the foregoing additions. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioners Barreiro and Souto were absent).

Chairman Rolle stated he had been informed by Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, that the proposed budget to be presented to the Committee today was not final. He requested that staff reappear before the Committee at a later date with the final budget information.

Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Jr., explained the budget process to date and noted some adjustments would have to be made.

In response to a question by Commissioner Jordan, Assistant County Manager Crapp stated the Office of Strategic Business Management had not yet given departments any targeted numbers as proposed budget adjustments. He noted budget targets were pending and would be developed as department representatives met with the County Manager.

1D PRESENTATION(S)

1D1

050966 Special Presentation

ORAL PRESENTATION BY JEFF PEEL, DIRECTOR,
FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT RE: ECONOMIC IMPACT
OF THE FILM INDUSTRY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Presented

Report: *Mr. Jeff Peel, Director, Miami-Dade Mayor's Office of Film and Entertainment, presented an overview of the film and entertainment industry and its economic opportunities in the County. He stated this was a \$2 billion industry in the community, \$200 million of which came from other areas. Mr. Peel stated last year over 3,000 permits were issued for companies to film on location throughout the County, and 3,000 companies derived a portion or all of their income from this industry.*

Mr. Peel advised that other communities were competing for film and entertainment industry business, and they were putting incentive money into attracting this type of business. He indicated the County's multiculturalism was an asset, especially with a large Spanish-speaking population.

Commissioner Diaz asked Mr. Peel to inform all Commissioners via email when film projects were scheduled within the County.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

050931 Resolution**Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER
TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TO THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2A as amended, Legislative File No. 051112.*

2Aamd

051112 Resolution**Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 050931]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Diaz

Second: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Commissioner Diaz spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

Commissioner Sorenson requested this item be amended to include reporting on the goals of Community Development Block Grant activities, whether those goals were met, and what was the actual outcome of the programs.

Commissioner Diaz accepted Commissioner Sorenson's requested amendment.

2B

050940 Resolution**Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY \$150,000.00 TO BE ALLOCATED TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MIAMI TO DEVELOP INFILL HOMES FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES IN THE HOPE VI TARGET AREA; REQUIRING A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Rolle

Second: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

2C

051056 Resolution

Dorrin D. Rolle,

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMISSION AUDITOR TO IDENTIFY ALL BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO JOB CREATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, TO FORWARD THOSE ITEMS TO THE COUNTY JOB CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ADVERTISING AND OTHER PROCESSING OF THE JOBS TO BE CREATED, AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON A QUARTERLY BASIS; TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY JOB CLEARINGHOUSE FROM THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Rolle

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Chairman Rolle spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

Commissioner Jordan asked Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Jr., to evaluate the fiscal impact on the Department of Business Development if the Department assumed administrative responsibility for the County Job Clearinghouse.

Mr. Crapp stated he would prepare a supplemental report for the Board.

Commissioner Jordan asked that she be listed as a cosponsor of the foregoing proposed resolution.

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

3A

050933 Ordinance**Katy Sorenson,****Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Dorrin D. Rolle**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-1254 AND 2-1258, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM (TJIF); ADDING ELIGIBLE INDUSTRY, MODIFYING TJIF PROGRAM PARAMETERS AND ADDING ADDITIONAL BONUS INCENTIVES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR SUNSET (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Second: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing.*

There being no one to appear in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Diaz asked that he be listed as a cosponsor of the foregoing proposed ordinance.

3B

050905 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 104 TO DOMA ENTERPRISES, CORP., D/B/A PARADISE TOURS, TO PROVIDE CONTRACT CARRIER SERVICES AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Second: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing.*

There being no one to appear in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed.

3C

050906 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO R & D MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC., TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NE CONTROL NO. 136A) (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Second: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing.*

There being no one to appear in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed.

3D

050907 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 183 TO BLUE SEAS TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICES AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing.*

There being no one to appear in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed.

3E

050909 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO R & D MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC., TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NE CONTROL NO. 136B) (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Report: *Chairman Rolle opened the public hearing.*

There being no one to appear in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed.

4 DEPARTMENT(S)

4A

050851 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF \$250,000 FROM SURTAX INCENTIVE POOL FUNDS TO MIAMI SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CORPORATION, INC. FOR THE CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL HOMELESS FACILITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4B

050846 Resolution

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00213 BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00213 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$285,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, AND 2011 OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00213 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00213 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00213 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9(C); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4C

050847 Resolution

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00123 BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00123 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$48,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, AND 2013 OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00123 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00123 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00123 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9(C); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4D

050850 Resolution

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT AVBORNE ACCESSORY GROUP, INC. BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR AVBORNE ACCESSORY GROUP, INC. EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$42,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, AND 2010 OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF AVBORNE ACCESSORY GROUP, INC. APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO AVBORNE ACCESSORY GROUP, INC. UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO AVBORNE ACCESSORY GROUP, INC. BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9(C); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4E

050954 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FOR CITY OF HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4F

050957 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00095 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00095 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$420,500 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2012 WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00095, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00095 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Second: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4G

051024 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF UNITS FROM 40 TO 24 TO MINORITIES OVERCOMING THE VIRUS THROUGH EDUCATION, RESPONSIBILITY AND SPIRITUALITY, INC. (M.O.V.E.R.S.) FOR THE MOVERS COMMUNITY CARE CENTER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Second: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4H

051028 Resolution

RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA DESCRIBED GENERALLY AS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BOUNDARY, ON THE EAST BY BISCAYNE BOULEVARD; ON THE NORTH BY THE CITY BOUNDARY; AND TO THE SOUTH BY THE CITY BOUNDARY; A SEPARATE CRA BOUNDARY INCLUDING THE MUNISPORT PROPERTY EAST OF BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, AND ADJACENT MANGROVE PRESERVE AREAS EAST TO THE ADJACENT FIU PROPERTY ON THE EAST, AND THREE (3) PROPERTIES FRONTING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF NE 151 STREET, AND FROM BISCAYNE BOULEVARD EAST TO THE FIU CAMPUS WESTERN BOUNDARY; AND ADDITIONAL SEPARATE 17.06 ACRE AREA GENERALLY BOUNDED BY NE 123 STREET ON THE NORTH, 18 AVENUE ON THE WEST AND THE ALLEY PARALLELING SANS SOUCI BOULEVARD ON THE SOUTH; ACCEPTING DELIVERY OF REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FROM CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDING WITH RESPECT TO SAID REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SAID GEOGRAPHIC AREA; ADOPTING SAID REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; APPROVING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AMONG COUNTY, CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND NORTH MIAMI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SAID AGREEMENT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4I

051035 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF SOUTH MIAMI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE SOUTH MIAMI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SMCRA) FOR 15 YEARS BEYOND THE JUNE 1, 2005 SUNSET PROVISION OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO A NEW SUNSET PROVISION OF FIVE YEARS, IF THE SMCRA FAILS TO OBTAIN A LONG-TERM FINANCING COMMITMENT SECURED THROUGH THE AGENCY'S TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) REVENUES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

4J

051042 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
3-41 IMPLEMENTING THE SMALL BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRAM FOR GOODS AND
SERVICES (Business Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

5 COUNTY MANAGER

6 COUNTY ATTORNEY

7 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7A

050874 Report

CLERK SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING(S):

MARCH 8, 2005 (Clerk of the Board)

Report Received

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

8 REPORTS

8A

050964 ReportDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS (ORAL
REPORT)**Presented****Report:****TASK FORCE ON URBAN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION**

Ms. Karen Moore, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Task Force on Urban Economic Revitalization (the Task Force), summarized the FY05-06 budget for the Task Force. She indicated the Task Force directed research and community outreach to evaluate economic development trends and issues affecting local economies within the targeted urban areas. Ms. Moore stated the proposed FY05-06 budget placed emphasis on three primary focus areas: research, community outreach, and the management of the Section 108 revolving loan fund.

Ms. Moore stated past activities of the Task Force resulted in the creation of, or the commitment to create, over 400 new jobs. She noted the current budget was \$986,350, but the base budget for the next fiscal year had been reduced. Ms. Moore stated FY 05-06 funding would provide support for seven full time Task Force positions.

Ms. Moore stated the Task Force's work was based upon research projects and special development projects throughout the year, so there was a great deal of flexibility that would allow staff to respond to those issues that were most urgent during the course of the year.

Ms. Moore summarized the Task Force's community outreach initiatives, noting in the coming year the Task Force would convene a number of community conferences with community based organizations and local business owners to discuss core development and specific targeted projects. She indicated these conferences had three main purposes:

- to inform the public of the County's role in supporting local development*
- to inform the public of available resources and opportunities*
- to afford the public the opportunity to respond to preliminary plans developed by the County.*

Ms. Moore summarized the reports that would be published by the Task Force this year, noting that

33 percent of the Task Force budget was devoted to research.

Ms. Moore noted the last primary area of focus was the Section 108 revolving loan fund, which was initially capitalized at \$40 million. She indicated administering the loan fund involved the following:

- the ongoing marketing of the program
- the review of business plans
- the underwriting analysis function that was conducted in conjunction with the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Empowerment Zone
- the evaluation of loan presentations that were made to the Loan Committee of the Task Force

In response to a question by Commissioner Sorenson, Ms. Moore summarized the method the Task Force used to apply its research in assisting the community.

Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Moore to meet with her to discuss the budget report for the Task Force on Urban Economic Revitalization.

JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM

Mr. Manny J. Gonzalez, Executive Director, Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC) of Miami-Dade County, advised the Committee the ITC's predominant activities were:

- outreach
- development of international business
- research to identify markets and trends in order to educate the business community on opportunities available as a result of international trade

Mr. Gonzalez noted the ITC's performance measures included:

- the number of jobs created
- the number of sales generated
- the number of new businesses that relocate to our community

Mr. Gonzalez stated a recent ITC trip to the Dominican Republic resulted in over \$6.6 million worth of business, with 22 companies participating.

Mr. Gonzalez indicated by the end of April 2005 he hoped to announce a trade project with the Association of Brazilian Exporters, and he

indicated the preliminary economic impact of that project was over \$7 million. He stated for every dollar allocated to the ITC in this coming fiscal year, the ITC would generate a seven dollar return.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bryan Finnie, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), reported to the Committee the Department's request for ongoing budget support for the next fiscal year was \$867,000. He stated the Department's proposed budget included approximately 88 positions for OCED and 14 positions for the Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust. He expressed concern with the viability of the Community Development Block Grant Program and with possible Departmental budget reductions. Mr. Finnie indicated he expected future changes in the CDBG program.

In response to a question by Commissioner Sorenson, Mr. Finnie stated Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp had convened a meeting the previous day with the principals of Parrot Jungle Island and the City of Miami. He noted the long term financial exposure of the County would be addressed in the near future, and he indicated the County must remain patient and work with Parrot Jungle Island (PJI) because their job creation goals had been met and PJI did everything that was required by the agreement with the County except on the issue of debt service repayment.

Commissioner Jordan requested from Mr. Bryan Finnie separate budgets for the Office of Community and Economic Development and for the Empowerment Trust. She also requested clarification regarding the initial intent of the Empowerment Trust in terms of state participation and any federal obligation.

Mr. Crapp stated he would provide a report to Commissioner Jordan.

METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST

Mr. Randall Carr, Interim President/CEO, Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (the Trust), stated the Trust submitted to the Office of Strategic Business Management a budget of \$8.7 million, noting it would provide funding for the following divisions of the Trust:

--Administration
--Housing
--Economic Development
--Teen Court
--the Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy

Mr. Carr stated the Trust requested funding from the State for the Teen Court Division of the Trust and requested \$825,000 from the general fund to support this division in the next budget. He noted the Housing Division had increased its down payment assistance to six percent of the loan amount, and this year the Trust had increased its allocation in its budget to \$3 million to assist additional applicants obtain houses. Regarding economic development, Mr. Carr indicated the Trust had increased its technical assistance by 225 businesses that would be assisted during the coming year.

Chairman Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp to assist the Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust with construction of a housing development at Northwest 32 Avenue and 79 Street.

Mr. Crapp stated he would follow up on the status of the subject development and provide Commissioner Rolle with an update.

CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Ms. Cathy Grimes Peel, Director, Consumer Services Department, stated the Department had four main functions:

--enforce the County's general consumer protection laws
--license and regulate specific industries
--mediate consumer complaints against private businesses
--provide educational services to a wide variety of consumers

Ms. Peel stated the Department's budget request for the next fiscal year was \$10,150,000 for 122 positions, the same position count as last year. She noted approximately 77 percent of the Department's expenses were personnel related, and the Department was a combination of proprietary funds and general revenue funds. Ms. Peel advised the two biggest challenges for the next year were maintaining sufficient general funds to maintain the Department's current level of service and ensuring that regulatory fees fully funded the Department's expenses.

Regarding for-hire vehicle regulation, Ms. Peel noted approximately 20,000 vehicles were inspected annually and there were approximately 55,000 field contacts with enforcement staff. She stated the Department was reviewing its fee structure regarding passenger transportation regulation, and staff had begun a dialogue with the industry regarding such fees. Ms. Peel indicated staff intended to present proposed fees to the Committee within a few months.

Ms. Peel indicated the Department was seeking a general fund allocation of \$75,000 to pay for a study to determine how many taxis were needed throughout the County. She noted the Department was revising the Passenger Motor Carrier Code, including the jitney regulations. Ms. Peel advised the Department coordinated with the Department of Community and Economic Development to attempt to establish a lower interest rate loan program for taxi drivers who win the taxi lottery.

Ms. Peel indicated this year the Cooperative Extension (CE) Division of the Department provided the following services:

- nutrition and food safety training for approximately 16,000 individuals
- 17,000 telephone consultations for commercial agricultural producers and homeowners
- 7,000 field consultations

Ms. Peel stated the CE was predominantly general fund supported, with some funding from the Department of Environmental Resources Management and the Department of Solid Waste, which was expected to continue next year.

Ms. Peel listed the following capital projects that were being finalized for the CE:

- the installation of a building generator to ensure the Agriculture Center could be open during and after a disaster
- the installation of a fence around the Agricultural Center to protect the building and plants
- the replacement of an outmoded weather system that enabled the CE to assist commercial producers with crop protection during cold weather

Ms. Peel advised the Department's performance measures related to service factors such as how long it took to close a complaint or to process an application. She stated the Department was adding customer satisfaction rating measures and

seeking a four out of five quality point rating in areas such as licensing enforcement and training programs.

In response to a question by Commissioner Sorenson, Ms. Peel stated for the next year the Department was seeking an increase in general fund support of \$645,000 to maintain current levels of service.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Ms. Peel to present a report at the May 10th Committee meeting on the status of enforcement of gender pricing on dry cleaning and hair salons.

Commissioner Jordan directed a series of questions to Ms. Peel regarding the level of clerical support at the CE.

Commissioner Jordan requested the County Manager evaluate the need for administrative support in the Cooperative Extension Division of the Consumer Services Department.

Chairman Rolle asked Ms. Peel to conduct random investigations on gas stations to determine whether pumps were calibrated in accordance with state regulations. He indicated he would provide her with the location of a service station in District 2 and asked staff to follow up regarding compliance with such regulations.

Ms. Peel stated calibration of gasoline pumps was monitored by the Florida Department of Agriculture, and she stated she would ask that Department to check gasoline pumps and report the results to Commissioner Rolle.

SEAPORT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Charles Towsley, Director, Seaport Department, stated since FY 2001, the Port's passenger growth was 16.8 percent and cargo growth was 18 percent. He noted China was currently the County's number two trading partner and in 2003 was the County's 15th trading partner.

Mr. Towsley summarized infrastructure improvements at the Port, noting two new super post-Pananax cranes were in use at the Port, some of the largest cranes in the world. He indicated 253,000 square feet of new terminal space had been completed at the Port and phase two of dredging was under construction.

Mr. Towsley requested a FY 2005-06 budget of \$107 million, which represented a \$12 million or 12.6 percent increase based on the growth in cruise and cargo activity. He emphasized the importance of security cost recovery through user based fees, noting security costs were now almost \$12 million per year. Mr. Towsley stated the Seaport's proposed budget included 48 additional staff positions for upgraded security, information technology, and maintenance as a result of the new facilities constructed at the Port.

Mr. Towsley summarized the Port's expenses, performance goals, and changes in the table of organization for FY 2005-06.

Chairman Rolle asked Mr. Towsley, at a future meeting, to present a report regarding security issues at the Port and the alleged overloading of trucks. He also asked Mr. Towsley to arrange for Committee members to tour the Seaport in the near future.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Marsha Jackman, Director, Department of Business Development, noted it was the mission of the Department to foster economic growth for all of the small businesses that do business with the County. She stated a small business enterprise program for commodities and services had been developed and staff was in the process of preparing an administrative order to implement this program.

Ms. Jackman indicated the commodities and services program would impact the Department's budget, noting it would require staff to assist small firms with bonding, financial assistance, and seminars. She noted the Department worked one-on-one and in groups with small firms to ensure they were able to obtain County contracts and also manage their own firms and become medium to larger firms.

Ms. Jackman advised this fiscal year's budget, which was \$8.438 million, funded 102 positions, and the Department was seeking four additional positions. She noted staff was exploring ways to absorb those positions so they would not impact the overall bottom line of the Department's budget.

Ms. Jackman noted the Community Workforce

Program (CWP) administered 91 projects that yielded approximately 38 positions to date. She stated there was a potential for another 246 positions under the CWP, and that number would increase as projects begin that were funded by the general obligation bonds.

MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY

Mr. John Topinka, Director of Finance Administration, Miami-Dade Housing Agency, stated Mr. Al Brewster, the Department Director, was unable to be present at today's meeting due to a death in his family.

FY 2004-05 BUDGET

Mr. Topinka summarized the FY 2004-05 budget, including the following:

- public housing*
- private rental housing*
- surtax*
- infill housing*
- development*

CHANGES IN FEDERAL FUNDING FORMULAS AND ALLOCATIONS

Mr. Topinka noted the federal government changed the way it funded housing programs and changed the fiscal year. He indicated the County was now on a calendar year basis. Mr. Topinka stated staff knew what the Department funding would be this calendar year but didn't know what it would be beginning in January 2006. Mr. Topinka advised the County had to wait for Congressional action for the next budget, and he noted there were discussions in Congress regarding the possible reduction of funding for housing programs.

Mr. Topinka explained how the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administered the Section 8 voucher program and the changes that had been made in this program. He expressed concern the County would have fewer vouchers available from HUD to provide housing assistance to residents of the County.

FY 2005-06 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Topinka summarized the proposed FY 2005-06 budget, including the following:

- public housing, including staff reductions*
- private rental housing*
- administrative and support functions*
- other service areas that should not directly affect services*

Mr. Rudy Perez, Deputy Director, Miami-Dade Housing Agency, indicated the Agency had frozen rent increases by landlords in order to serve more families, but some landlords were no longer willing to participate in the Section 8 program. He stated staff was exploring various options to provide additional housing to County residents.

Commissioner Sorenson asked staff to track the number of landlords who were no longer willing to participate in the Section 8 housing program and also track the number of rental units that were converted to condominiums.

Commissioner Barreiro expressed concern that rental apartments were being converted to condominiums in Miami Beach, and it was difficult for anyone with a Section 8 voucher to find a rental apartment.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern with the capping of the value of Section 8 rental vouchers and suggested staff should explore the feasibility of alternatives to capping.

Commissioner Diaz requested Mr. Topinka and Mr. Perez meet with him to discuss his proposal to redesign apartments to make them affordable for a higher percentage of the population.

Commissioner Rolle requested Mr. Crapp limit the number of agenda items to be presented to the Committee at each meeting.

9 OPEN DISCUSSION

Report: None presented.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Report: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.